

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/24/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 32.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____

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1. The amendment filed on May 24, 2007 is entered and made of record.
2. The applicant requested to cancel claims 1, 3 – 16 and 18 – 30. Claim 32 is allowable for the following reasons discussed below.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With regards to claim 32, the examiner cannot find applicable prior art and / or suggestions disclosing adding at least one anchor to the at least one initial geometric shape to form a first shape pattern, wherein the formed first shape pattern includes the at least one initial geometric shape and the at least one anchor so added, wherein first anchor of the at least one anchor of the first shape pattern comprises a first extension, a first flare, and a second flare, wherein first extension extends a first portion of the at least one initial geometric shape in a first direction, wherein the first flare and second flare are disposed on opposite sides of the first portion, wherein the first flare extends the first portion in a second direction that is perpendicular to the first direction, wherein the second flare extends the first portion in a third direction that is opposite the second direction and perpendicular to the first direction in combination with the rest of the limitations in claim 32.

Also with regards to claim 32, the examiner cannot find applicable prior art and / or suggestions disclosing forming a second shape, wherein the second shape pattern

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consists of all the first shape pattern and error shapes, wherein said forming the second shape pattern comprises forming a first error shape by moving the second portion in the second direction, wherein said forming the second shape pattern further comprises simultaneously forming a second error shape and a third error shape of the error shapes by shifting the third portion together with the forth flare in the fourth direction that is opposite the first direction, wherein the second error shape and the third error shape have a same thickness in the forth direction, wherein the second error shape is an additive error shape that is physically exist in the second shape pattern, and wherein the third error shape is a subtractive error shape that logically exist in the second shape pattern in combination with the rest of the limitations of claim 32.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alex Liew whose telephone number is (571)272-8623. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30AM - 7:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Mancuso can be reached on (571)272-7695. The fax phone

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